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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we near the end of summer, I am happy to announce that re-paving of the H-1 freeway in the eastbound direction will soon be completed. Nighttime closures of the freeway ran relatively smoothly last month, and we anticipate completion of this phase of construction with no major glitches.

Re-paving will start in the westbound direction on Aug. 20. See the back of this newsletter for more details and closure information.

In addition, in July we began a landscaping project adjacent to the Waiālae Avenue off-ramp near Kahala Mall Shopping Center. We are reviewing the design of this project with the contractor to see if more greenery can be added without any additional charges.

The design phase of the Punahou Street off-ramp widening project has been completed and will move into the construction phase as early as November. The eastbound Punahou off-ramp will be widened from one to two lanes, and an additional right turning lane will be added onto Punahou Street to facilitate traffic heading makai. At the same time, the off-ramp will be re-paved with a combination of SuperPave and concrete, and upgrades will be made to signs, pavement markings and guardrails.

Needless to say, all of these projects will continue to impact traffic along the H-1 Corridor, especially when more than 150,000 students return to class between Aug. 4 and 25. That is why, as part of the "Beat The School Jam" program, we have decided to halt all daytime work on the H-1 during the week of Aug. 14-25. Our hope is to help commuters adjust to the added traffic without the burden of highway and frontage road lane closures.

But when construction resumes, we will again require the help of everyone involved—contractors, the Honolulu Police Department, our counterparts at the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Hawaiian Electric, and drivers throughout Oahu—to minimize traffic congestion and move toward the safe and successful completion of the H-1 Corridor construction project. For that support, I thank you on behalf of everyone who drives and depends on the H-1.

Mahalo,



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Director of Transportation



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H-1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TIMELINE

2000-2001	Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seismic Retrofitting—Kapiolani Interchange Off-Ramp and Main Grade Separation Structure (To be completed fall 2000)
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H-1 Freeway Resurfacing (To be completed October 2001, but project may be shortened by up to six months with all-night paving)
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waialae Avenue Landscaping (To be completed mid-2001) ● Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing (At the request of the Board of Water Supply, project has been postponed until 2001)
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Sept	Beginning Late Summer 2000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seismic Retrofitting—Lunalilo-Vineyard and Makiki Off-Ramps and Palama separation
Oct	
Nov	Beginning November 2000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Punahou Off-Ramp Widening
Dec	
Jan	Beginning January 2001: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waialae Bike Lane Improvements
Feb	Beginning February 2001: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BWS Water Line Work and Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing

WESTBOUND RE-PAVING TO BEGIN AUG. 20

RE-PAVING

Re-paving in the eastbound direction of the H-1 is approximately 75 percent complete and will be completed by August 11. The contractor is currently working toward Kapiolani Interchange.

Work on the westbound portion of the H-1 is scheduled to begin Sunday, Aug. 20. Overnight freeway closures will again occur from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., but in the westbound direction. On-ramp closures will start at the Waialae Avenue on-ramp, and all traffic already on the freeway will have to exit by the westbound Kapiolani Boulevard off-ramp.

As was the case during eastbound re-paving,



closures of the westbound freeway will be performed in two phases. During phase one (approximately the first four weeks), motorists can return to the freeway at the Lunalilo Street on-ramp. During phase two (approximately two weeks), motorists can return at the Punchbowl Street on-ramp.

WATER LINE INSTALLATION

Water line installation being performed on H-1 frontage roads is currently more than 30 percent complete.

Work is nearly complete on Bingham Street to the Punahou Street intersection, and on Wilder Avenue between the University on-ramp and Wilder off-ramp. Additional work is also taking place on Lunalilo Street, between Ernest and Keeaumoku Streets, and on Metcalf Street between Alexander Street and the McCully/Dole intersection. During water line installation, the contractor is continuing to close one or more blocks at a time on frontage roads and ramps, allowing only local traffic.

In late August, when work resumes after the "Beat The School Jam" break, water line work will begin on Ward Avenue between Kinau Street and Kinalau Place.

AUGUST SCHEDULE FOR H-1 PROJECTS

IMPORTANT NOTE: As part of the "Beat The School Jam" program, the state will pause all daytime work on the H-1 from Aug. 14 to 25 to help commuters cope with the added traffic.

LOCATION	DAYS / HOURS	PROJECT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
H-1, from Punchbowl St. to Kapiolani Interchange	Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-5 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m. Aug. 6, 6 a.m.-noon	H-1 Resurfacing Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Nighttime closures in the eastbound direction (Westbound closures begin Aug. 20.) Possible freeway lane closures in both directions Two-lane closures on H-1
Alexander Street westbound on-ramp	Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-Aug. 7, 5 a.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Ramp closure, plus freeway lane closure as needed
Bingham St., near the Punahou Intersection	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Block closure; local traffic allowed
Lunalilo St., between Ernest and Keeaumoku Streets	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Block closure; local traffic allowed
Metcalf St., between Alexander St. and the McCully/Dole intersection	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Street closure; local traffic allowed
McCully/Dole intersection	Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Intersection closure; local traffic allowed
Ward Ave., between Kinau St. and Kinalau Place	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (beginning late August)	Water Line Work (H-1 Resurfacing)	Lane closure
Old Waialae Rd. overpass	Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-5 a.m.	Railing Upgrade (H-1 Resurfacing)	No pedestrian access
Kapiolani Blvd., west, between Old Waialae Rd. and King St.; and South King St., east, at Kapiolani Blvd. Intersection	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Lane closure
Harding Ave., east, between Kapahulu and 1st Avenues	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closures
Waialae Ave., near Kahala Shopping Center	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Waialae Avenue Landscaping	Minimal traffic impact expected